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IV.—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—CHANGE IN THE HOUR OF SITTINGS.

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" May I request the Hon. the Leader of the House through you, Sir, to tell us whether there is any change in the timing of the sittings of the House from to-morrow and also the business which we will have to transact till the Budget is presented? "

* The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We have had discussion with the Leaders of Parties and we have agreed that from to-morrow onwards the House will sit from 8-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m. On the day on which the Budget is to be presented, the House will sit at 11 a.m. and after question-time, the Budget speech will be delivered and thereafter no further business will be transacted on that day. As already agreed to during Budget discussion, we shall sit from 8-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m. daily. It is proposed to finish consideration of the Plantations Agricultural Income-tax Bill to-day. To morrow morning the Moratorium Bill will be taken up. As it was felt that four hours would not be sufficient to consider and dispose of that Bill, it was agreed that we would have a night session from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. to-morrow. After that Bill is passed, the Court-fees Bill will be introduced. I hope it will be possible to finish consideration of that Bill before I present the Budget."

* Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Notice of the Moratorium Bill has not yet been received by us. If that Bill is to be taken up to-morrow, we may not be able to give notice of amendments, if any."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I have no objection to waive time for notice of amendments."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Notice of the Bill has been given and copies are under circulation."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" It is not possible to have half-hour debates and one-hour debates if we are to sit from 8-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m. Therefore, we may have such debates in the night from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" May I request that the time for giving notice of amendments to the Moratorium Bill may be extended up to 3 p.m. to-morrow? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Consideration of the clauses will be taken up only in the night. Therefore, I have no objection to grant the request.

" I must tell the House that the half-hour debate already granted will be held to-day from 5 p.m. to 5-30 p.m.

" We shall now resume discussion on the Madras Plantations Agricultural Income-tax Bill, 1955."